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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method of making a cemented carbide body having WC with an average grain size of 0.5-4 $\mu$ m, 3.5-9 wt% Co and <2 wt% carbides of Ta, Ti and Nb, and with a substoichiometric carbon content, the method including sintering the body such that an eta phase containing structure is obtained with a size of 1-15  $\mu$ m and a content of 10 vol. %-35 vol. %, and subjecting the body to recarburization such that the eta phase in a 50-350  $\mu$ m wide intermediate zone is transformed to WC+Co without essentially changing its Co-content.